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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Luis Eduardo Pena-Maldonado, a native of Mexico, DOB: 5/12/81, pleaded guilty yesterday in U.S. District Court in Madison to unlawfully re-entering the United States after having previously been deported on June 25, 2004.

U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz scheduled sentencing for December 12, 2006. Pena-Maldonado faces a maximum penalty of twenty years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, and a three-year period of supervised release following any period of incarceration.

The charges against the defendant were the result of an investigation conducted by Department of Homeland Security-Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell.

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